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Customer Number 23685

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In re Application of: )  
WILLIAM J. COOPER ET AL. )  
Serial No.: 10/697,992 ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
Filed: October 30, 2003 ) Examiner: Ruth C. Rodriguez  
For: FASTENER ASSEMBLY AND )  
METHOD OF MAKING THE )  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.



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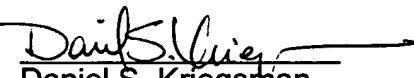
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